

*India's Historic  
Decision to Transform  
Jammu, Kashmir &  
Ladakh*

**A NEW ERA  
UNFOLDS**

# Transformation through Growth

# Investment, Development and Employment

## Backwardness of J&K

- The application of Articles 370 and 35 A placed restrictions on transfer of land.
- As a result private investment in developmental works was severely constrained
- No large industries developed in the state
- No major investment in Education, Health or Tourism
- Employment opportunities especially for youth remained restricted

## How will this change now?

- Removal of restrictions will encourage industry and private investment
- This will spur growth and employment leading to prosperity for all
- Industrialization of the state will multiply job opportunities for local youth
- Local horticulture and food processing will get a big boost.
- Handicraft industry which was earlier limited to select destinations will now be able to directly export and collaborate both nationally and internationally.

# Big Boost for Tourism

## Backwardness of J&K

- The tourism potential of the entire region is immense
- But the special provisions and consequent restrictions prevented investment
- No major national and global players in the region in tourism sector

## How will this change now?

- Investment in tourist infrastructure such as hotels and other facilities will increase tourist arrivals
- More job and earning opportunities
- Film shootings, adventure tourism and religious tourism to grow
- PPP models will provide opportunities for local entrepreneurs
- Rural tourism will grow

# Education and Health

## Backwardness of J&K

- Higher education all across the country has witnessed a boom but not in J&K
- No single private university currently in J&K
- 20,000 students from J&K have to go to other parts of India to study
- Similarly there are no large hospitals in J&K in the private sector
- Patients are forced to travel to Chandigarh, Delhi or Mumbai for specialised treatment

## How will this change now?

- The sector will boom through PPP model -no compulsion for students to go outside for education
- Large private investment in health and education is expected
- World class health care providers to open their franchises and health centres to bring top quality health care right at the door steps of the people
- This will lead to employment opportunities and growth
- J&K can become a medical tourism hub for the Middle East and East Asia

# New Dawn for Youth

## Backwardness of J&K

- While the children of the elite and the privileged study abroad, the children of the poor in J&K have been denied even a decent education facility

## How will this change now?

- Equal Opportunity for all to be ensured
- There will be significant upgrade in education facilities of all, particularly the children of the poor.
- The focus of the government will be education, industrialization and boost to tourism

# **Transformation through Empowerment**

# Rights of Women & Children

## Backwardness of J&K

- Women marrying outside the state had no rights on land
- Act for Protection of Women from Domestic Violence was not applicable
- Right to Education which makes education a Fundamental Right for Children in the age group of 8-14 years was not applicable
- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, Juvenile Justice Act etc were also not applicable

## How will this change now?

- Property and all other rights of women marrying outside the State will now be fully protected
- All women will now retain full and legal rights on land and all other rights
- All Central Acts and Laws protecting the rights of women and children to be made fully applicable to the State
- Right to Education shall be extended to J&K to ensure universal education coverage
- The Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 will now be applicable here and will ensure adequate protection of women and child rights

# Benefits for Scheduled Tribes

## Backwardness of J&K

- Despite having nearly 12% population, the Socio-economically disadvantaged tribal community (ST) had no political reservation (Gujjars, Bakerwals and others)
- Tribal/ST Communities residing in forests since generations had no rights or protection

## How will this change now?

- STs will now get political representation through reservation in Regional Parliament seats like in the rest of the country
- The Scheduled Tribes & other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has now been made applicable.
- Rights of Tribal/ST Communities residing in forests of will now be protected.

# Benefits to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Castes

## Backwardness of J&K

- The most disadvantaged castes (SC) employees were not getting full benefits of reservation especially in promotion like their colleagues in the rest of the country
- Sanitation workers in the state were being denied citizenship rights
- As a result they could not get other jobs forcing them to remain sanitation workers

## How will this change now?

- All sanitation workers will now get full citizenship and other rights and benefits
- Manual scavenging will stop
- National Commission for Sanitation Workers Act, 1993 will now apply
- This will improve working conditions of sanitation workers and provide for redressal of grievances
- Other Backward Castes in J&K to get full benefits of reservation in employment and education- now like in the rest of the country

# Benefits to land owners

## Backwardness of J&K

- Land rates all over the country have increased many fold while rates in J&K have not increased as much
- Several restrictions on transfer of land existed.

## How will this change now?

- Any landowner who wishes to sell his land would benefit from increased prices.
- Anyone who does not want to sell his lands will have the full liberty not to part with his land
- There will be no change in ownership due to removal of Article 370.

# Justice for West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs)

## Backwardness of J&K

- Over 20,000 West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs) were hitherto aliens in their own country
- They were denied all democratic rights

## How will this change now?

- West Pakistan Refugees will now enjoy all democratic rights as citizens of the country
- They will be given citizenship and property rights

# **Transformation through Democracy**

# Local Self Governing Institutions

## Backwardness of J&K

- The establishment of Local Self Governing Institutions was so far erratic and at the whims of the State Government
- For long periods, no elections to Local Self Governing Institutions (Panchayats) were held

## How will this change now?

- Now the 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment have become applicable
- Constitutional status has been given to local self governments in Rural & Urban areas
- All provisions relating to Panchayats and local self governments to be fully applicable
- Panchayats will now get direct funding- people will decide their own developmental priorities
- This will lead to strengthening of grass roots democracy

# Transparency and Accountability

## Backwardness of J&K

- Lack of strong laws led to corruption and poor accountability
- As a result much of the funding failed to reach the poor
- So despite massive spending, little impact was seen on the ground

## How will this change now?

- Now all anti corruption central Laws including Whistle Blower Act will be applicable
- Oversight by all central agencies and watchdogs will ensure reduced corruption
- Transparency and accountability to increase
- Funds earmarked for the people will actually reach the beneficiaries
- Corruption will be controlled

# Laws & Amendments

## Backwardness of J&K

- Earlier, the applicability of Central Laws to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) was limited
- No Central Act could be made applicable to J&K except through special procedure
- As a result, many laws could not be applied to J&K thereby depriving the local residents of the benefits of these legislations

## How will this change now?

- 106 people friendly laws and 9 constitutional amendments of the Indian Constitution now to be made applicable
- So many progressive laws such as Right to Education, Maintenance & Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2001, National Commission for Minority Act and acts for benefit of Women, Children, Disabled will now be applicable
- The application of these laws will help the most vulnerable sections of the population

# Celebrating Unity in Diversity

- The cultures and languages of Marathas, Tamilians, Gujaratis, Assamese and others have prospered and grown.
- Adequate provisions and safeguards in Indian Constitution to ensure that the religious and cultural rights of every group and community are protected and preserved.
- There is absolutely no threat to the culture, traditions and religion of Kashmir or any other region.
- People belonging to all faiths reside in J&K.
- Jammu and Kashmir shall continue to be together even after reorganisation and hence no communal angle or attempt to override any cultural or religious group.
- Economic growth, development and generation of more employment to benefit all sections and groups in society
- We are sure to see that the problems which have been preventing Kashmir from realising its true potential will go away and a new world of opportunities and possibilities will open for the people of J&K.

**A New Era without Article 370-let us  
give the new system a chance**